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"AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGARDING INSURANCE POLICIES FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES, YOUTH INSTRUCTION PERMITS, OPERATOR LICENSES, COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, DIVERSION PROGRAM, STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 14-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

5 (a) The commissioner shall not register any motor bus, taxicab,
6 school bus, motor vehicle in livery service, student transportation
7 vehicle or service bus and no person may operate or cause to be
8 operated upon any public highway any such motor vehicle until the

9 owner or lessee thereof has procured insurance or a bond satisfactory
10 to the commissioner, which insurance or bond shall indemnify the
11 insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any
12 person or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result
13 from or have been caused by the use or operation of such motor
14 vehicle described in the contract of insurance or such bond. Such
15 insurance or bond shall not be required from (1) a municipality which
16 the commissioner finds has maintained sufficient financial
17 responsibility to meet legal liability for personal injury, death or
18 damage resulting from or caused by the use or operation of a service
19 bus owned or operated by such municipality, or (2) the owner or lessee
20 of such class of motor vehicle who holds a certificate of public
21 necessity and convenience from the Department of Transportation if
22 such owner or lessee has procured from the department a certificate
23 that the department has found that such owner or lessee is of sufficient
24 financial responsibility to meet legal liability for personal injury, death
25 or property damage resulting from or caused by the use or operation
26 of such motor vehicle. The Department of Transportation may issue
27 such certificate upon presentation of evidence of financial
28 responsibility that is satisfactory to it.

29 (b) (1) The amount of insurance or of such bond which each such
30 vehicle owner or lessee shall carry as insurance or indemnity against
31 claims for personal injury or death shall be not less than (A) fifty
32 thousand dollars for one person subject to that limit per person; (B) for
33 all persons in any one accident where the carrying capacity is seven
34 passengers or less, one hundred thousand dollars; (C) eight to twelve
35 passengers, inclusive, one hundred fifty thousand dollars; (D) thirteen
36 to twenty passengers, inclusive, two hundred thousand dollars; (E)
37 twenty-one to thirty passengers, inclusive, two hundred fifty thousand
38 dollars; and (F) thirty-one passengers or more, three hundred
39 thousand dollars; and such policy or such bond shall indemnify the
40 insured against legal liability resulting from damage to the property of
41 passengers or of others to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

42 (2) In lieu of the foregoing, a single limit of liability shall be allowed

43 as insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or death
44 and legal liability resulting from damage to the property of passengers
45 or of others for any one accident (A) where the carrying capacity is
46 seven passengers or less, not less than one hundred thousand dollars;
47 (B) eight to twelve passengers, inclusive, not less than one hundred
48 fifty thousand dollars; (C) thirteen to twenty passengers, inclusive, not
49 less than two hundred thousand dollars; (D) twenty-one to thirty
50 passengers, inclusive, not less than two hundred fifty thousand
51 dollars; and (E) thirty-one passengers or more, not less than three
52 hundred thousand dollars. The provisions of this subsection shall not
53 apply to (i) a municipality which the commissioner has found to have
54 sufficient financial responsibility to meet legal liability for damages as
55 provided in subsection (a) of this section or (ii) the owner or lessees of
56 any such motor vehicle holding a certificate of public convenience and
57 necessity issued by the Department of Transportation whom the
58 department has found to be of sufficient financial responsibility to
59 meet legal liability for damages as provided in subsection (a).

60 (c) (1) Any person or company issuing any such insurance or
61 indemnity bond shall file with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles a
62 certificate in such form as [he] the commissioner prescribes, and no
63 such insurance or bond shall lapse, expire or be cancelled while the
64 registration is in force until the commissioner has been given at least
65 ten days' written notice of an intention to cancel and until [he] the
66 commissioner has accepted other insurance or another indemnity bond
67 and has notified the person or company seeking to cancel such
68 insurance or bond that such other insurance or bond has been accepted
69 or until the registration of such motor vehicle described in such
70 insurance policy or bond has been suspended or cancelled.

71 (2) No person or company issuing any such insurance or indemnity
72 bond shall issue an insurance policy or indemnity bond for a motor
73 vehicle specified in subsection (a) of this section for limits less than
74 those specified in subsection (b) or (f) of this section. Upon initial
75 registration or renewal of any such motor vehicle, the commissioner
76 may presume that an insurance policy or indemnity bond meets the

77 minimum amounts specified in said subsection (b) or (f) for such
78 vehicle.

79 (d) Any person injured in person or property by any such motor
80 vehicle may apply to the commissioner for the name and description of
81 the insurer of the vehicle causing such injury or the name of the surety
82 upon any indemnity bond of any such owner or the name of the holder
83 of a certificate of financial responsibility.

84 (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
85 fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than
86 one year or both.

87 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any person,
88 association or corporation operating a motor vehicle in livery service
89 under the provisions of sections 13b-101 to 13b-109, inclusive, shall
90 carry insurance or indemnity against claims for personal injury or
91 death and legal liability resulting from damage to the property of
92 passengers or of others for any one accident in an amount not less than
93 one million five hundred thousand dollars for vehicles with a seating
94 capacity of fourteen passengers or less and five million dollars for
95 vehicles with a seating capacity of fifteen passengers or more.

96 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is
97 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
98 *passage*):

99 (c) (1) A person who is sixteen or seventeen years of age and who
100 has not had a motor vehicle operator's license or right to operate a
101 motor vehicle in this state suspended or revoked may apply to the
102 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a youth instruction permit. The
103 commissioner may issue a youth instruction permit to an applicant
104 after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as to
105 knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the
106 road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49 and
107 has filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes,
108 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the youth instruction

109 permit and the motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or
110 both parents or foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner
111 requires, (B) the legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's
112 spouse, if the spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the
113 applicant has no qualified spouse and such applicant's parent or foster
114 parent or legal guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled [without
115 the] outside of this state or otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or
116 file the certificate, the applicant's stepparent, grandparent, or uncle or
117 aunt by blood or marriage, provided such person is eighteen years of
118 age or older. The commissioner may, for the more efficient
119 administration of the commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers'
120 school licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69 or
121 any secondary school providing instruction in motor vehicle operation
122 and highway safety in accordance with section 14-36e, as amended by
123 this act, to issue a youth instruction permit, subject to such standards
124 and requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in regulations
125 adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each youth instruction permit
126 shall expire two years from the date of issuance [,] or on the date the
127 holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle operator's license, [or on
128 the date the holder attains the age of eighteen years,] whichever is
129 earlier. Any holder of a youth instruction permit who attains eighteen
130 years of age may retain such permit until the expiration of such permit.
131 (2) The youth instruction permit shall entitle the holder, while such
132 holder has the permit in his or her immediate possession, to operate a
133 motor vehicle on the public highways, provided such holder is under
134 the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an
135 instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a
136 person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate,
137 for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the
138 same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had
139 his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the
140 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction.
141 (3) Unless the holder of the permit is under the instruction of and
142 accompanied by a person who holds an instructor's license issued
143 under the provisions of section 14-73, no passenger in addition to the

144 person providing instruction shall be transported unless such
145 passenger is a parent or legal guardian of the holder of the permit. (4)
146 The holder of a youth instruction permit who (A) is an active member
147 of a certified ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has
148 commenced an emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to
149 the national standard curriculum developed by the United States
150 Department of Transportation, and (C) has had state and national
151 criminal history records checks conducted by the certified ambulance
152 service or by the municipality in which such ambulance service is
153 provided, shall be exempt from the provisions of subdivisions (2) and
154 (3) of this subsection only when such holder is en route to or from the
155 location of the ambulance for purposes of responding to an emergency
156 call. (5) The commissioner may revoke any youth instruction permit
157 used in violation of the limitations imposed by subdivision (2) or (3) of
158 this subsection.

159 Sec. 3. Subsection (h) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is
160 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
161 *passage*):

162 (h) The revocation, suspension or withdrawal of, or refusal to issue
163 or renew an "S" endorsement, or any endorsement described in
164 subsection (c) of this section, shall prohibit the licensee from operating
165 any public [service] passenger vehicle for which [a public passenger
166 endorsement] an endorsement described in said subsection (c) is
167 required. [under this section.] During the period of such revocation,
168 suspension or withdrawal of, or after a refusal to issue or renew an "S"
169 endorsement, or any endorsement described in said subsection (c), [of
170 this section,] the commissioner shall not issue any other public
171 passenger endorsement to such licensee.

172 Sec. 4. Section 14-36e of the general statutes is repealed and the
173 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

174 [(a) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall prepare for use in all
175 high and other secondary schools a course of study of motor vehicle

176 operation and highway safety.]

177 [(b)] Each local and regional board of education may provide a
178 course of instruction in motor vehicle operation and highway safety on
179 a secondary school level, which course (1) shall consist of not less than
180 thirty clock hours of classroom instruction offered during or after
181 school hours as said board of education, in its discretion, may provide,
182 including instruction of not less than fifteen minutes concerning the
183 responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under subsection (b)
184 of section 14-223 and the penalty for a violation of the provisions of
185 said subsection (b), and (2) may include behind-the-wheel instruction
186 of up to twenty clock hours. Said course shall be open to enrollment by
187 any person between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, inclusive, who is
188 a resident of the town or school district or whose parent, parents or
189 legal guardian owns property taxable in such town or school district.
190 Any such board of education may contract for such behind-the-wheel
191 instruction with a licensed drivers' school.

192 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes is
193 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
194 *1, 2017*):

195 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not
196 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.
197 The fee for such license shall be seventy-two dollars. The
198 commissioner may authorize a contractor, including, but not limited
199 to, an automobile club or association, licensed in accordance with the
200 provisions of section 14-67 on or before July 1, 2007, or any [office or
201 department of a] municipality, to issue duplicate licenses and identity
202 cards pursuant to section 14-50a, renew licenses, renew identity cards
203 issued pursuant to section 1-1h and conduct registration transactions
204 at [its office facilities] the office or facilities of such contractors or
205 municipalities. The commissioner may authorize such contractors and
206 municipalities to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed five
207 dollars, to each applicant for a license or identity card renewal or
208 duplication, or for a registration transaction.

209 Sec. 6. Section 14-41b of the general statutes is repealed and the
210 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

211 A Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license held by any person
212 on active duty with the armed forces and absent from this state due to
213 such service shall be valid for [thirty] sixty days following the date on
214 which the license holder is honorably separated from such service, [or
215 returns to this state,] unless the license is suspended, cancelled or
216 revoked as provided by law earlier than such date. The license shall be
217 valid only when in the immediate possession of the license holder and
218 the license holder has his or her discharge or separation papers in his
219 or her immediate possession.

220 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 14-44c of the general statutes is
221 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
222 *October 1, 2017*):

223 (a) The application for a commercial driver's license or commercial
224 driver's instruction permit, shall include the following:

225 (1) The full name and current mailing and residence address of the
226 person;

227 (2) A physical description of the person, including sex, height and
228 eye color;

229 (3) Date of birth;

230 (4) The applicant's Social Security number;

231 (5) The person's statement, under oath, that such person meets the
232 requirements for qualification contained in 49 CFR 391, as amended; [,
233 or does not expect to operate in interstate or foreign commerce;]

234 (6) The person's statement, under oath, that the type of vehicle in
235 which the person has taken or intends to take the driving skills test is
236 representative of the type of motor vehicle the person operates or
237 intends to operate;

238 (7) The person's statement, under oath, that such person is not
239 subject to disqualification, suspension, revocation or cancellation of
240 operating privileges in any state, and that he or she does not hold an
241 operator's license in any other state;

242 (8) The person's identification of all states in which such person has
243 been licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the last ten
244 years, and the person's statement, under oath that he or she does not
245 hold an operator's license in any other state; and

246 (9) The person's signature, and certification of the accuracy and
247 completeness of the application, subject to the penalties of false
248 statement under section 53a-157b. The application shall be
249 accompanied by the fee prescribed in section 14-44h.

250 Sec. 8. Subsection (f) of section 14-44k of the general statutes is
251 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
252 *October 1, 2017*):

253 (f) In addition to any other penalties provided by law, a person is
254 disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of
255 not less than sixty days if convicted of two serious traffic violations, as
256 defined in section 14-1, or one hundred twenty days if convicted of
257 three serious traffic violations, [committed while operating any motor
258 vehicle] arising from separate incidents occurring within a three-year
259 period (1) while operating a commercial motor vehicle, (2) while
260 operating a noncommercial motor vehicle, provided such violation
261 resulted in a suspension, for any period of time, of such person's class
262 D license, or (3) from any combination of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
263 this subsection. The period of any disqualification for a subsequent
264 offense imposed under this subsection shall commence immediately
265 after the period of any other disqualification imposed on such person.
266 The disqualification periods in this subsection shall also apply to
267 convictions under the provisions of law of another state, of offenses
268 deemed by the commissioner to constitute serious traffic violations, as
269 defined in section 14-1.

270 Sec. 9. Subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 14-52 of the
271 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
272 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

273 (5) The commissioner shall assess an administrative fee of [fifty] two
274 hundred dollars against any licensee for failing to provide proof of
275 bond renewal or replacement on or before the date of the expiration of
276 the existing bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license
277 suspension or revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the
278 licensee is subject pursuant to section 14-64.

279 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 14-58 of the general statutes is
280 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
281 *1, 2017*):

282 (c) Registration certificates issued under the provisions of this
283 section shall not be required to be carried upon such motor vehicles
284 when upon the public highways as required under subsection (a) of
285 section 14-13, except that the licensee shall issue to each person driving
286 such motor vehicle a document indicating that such person is validly
287 entrusted with such vehicle which document shall be carried in the
288 motor vehicle. The commissioner shall determine the form and
289 contents of this document. Legible photostatic copies of such
290 registration certificates may be carried in such vehicles as proof of
291 ownership. The licensee shall furnish financial responsibility
292 satisfactory to the commissioner as defined in section 14-112, provided
293 such financial responsibility shall not be required from a licensee when
294 the commissioner finds that the licensee is of sufficient financial
295 responsibility to meet such legal liability. The commissioner may issue
296 such license upon presentation of evidence of such financial
297 responsibility satisfactory to the commissioner. The commissioner
298 shall assess an administrative fee of [fifty] two hundred dollars against
299 any licensee for failing to provide proof of policy or bond renewal or
300 replacement on or before the expiration date of the existing policy or
301 bond. Such fee shall be in addition to the license suspension or
302 revocation penalties and the civil penalties to which the licensee is

303 subject pursuant to section 14-64.

304 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is
305 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
306 *1, 2017*):

307 (a) (1) No person shall fail to maintain in good working order or
308 remove, dismantle or otherwise cause to be inoperative any equipment
309 or feature constituting an operational element of the air pollution
310 control system or mechanism of a motor vehicle required by
311 regulations of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
312 Protection to be maintained or on the vehicle. Any such failure to
313 maintain in good working order or removal, dismantling or causing of
314 inoperability shall subject the owner thereof to revocation of
315 registration for such vehicle by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
316 unless all parts and equipment constituting elements of air pollution
317 control have been made operable and in good working order within
318 sixty days of notice by said commissioner of such violation. Any such
319 failure shall be considered a failure to comply with the periodic
320 inspection requirements established under subsection (c) of this
321 section. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" has the same meaning
322 as provided in section 14-1.

323 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall not revoke the
324 registration of a motor vehicle pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
325 subsection if such vehicle is subject to the consent decree approved by
326 the United States District Court for the Northern District of California
327 on October 25, 2016, in settlement of Case Number 15-MD-2672-CRB
328 (ISC) entitled "In Re: Volkswagen 'Clean Diesel' Marketing, Sales
329 Practices, and Products Liability Litigation".

330 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 14-171 of the general statutes is
331 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
332 *1, 2017*):

333 (a) The application for a certificate of title of a vehicle in this state
334 shall be [made by the owner] on a form prescribed by the

335 commissioner [prescribes and shall contain] and contain information
336 provided by the owner or acquired through one or more databases
337 used by the commissioner. Such application shall include: (1) The
338 name, residence and mail address of the owner; (2) a description of the
339 vehicle including, so far as the following data exists, its make, model,
340 identification number, type of body, the number of cylinders and
341 whether new or used; (3) the mileage reading at the time of
342 application; (4) the date of purchase by the applicant, the name and
343 address of the person from whom the vehicle was acquired and the
344 names and addresses of any lienholders in the order of their priority
345 and the dates of their security agreements and, if a new vehicle, the
346 application shall be accompanied by a manufacturer's or importer's
347 certificate of origin; and (5) any further information the commissioner
348 reasonably requires to identify the vehicle and to enable the
349 commissioner to determine whether the owner is entitled to a
350 certificate of title and the existence or nonexistence of security interests
351 in the vehicle. Such application shall be accompanied by the most
352 recent Connecticut certificate of title for such vehicle, if any, unless the
353 owner submits a statement on a form prescribed by the commissioner,
354 that the title is lost or destroyed or, despite reasonable efforts cannot
355 be located or obtained from the person or firm last known to have
356 possession of such certificate [or] of title.

357 Sec. 13. Section 14-227k of the general statutes is repealed and the
358 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

359 (a) No person whose right to operate a motor vehicle has been
360 restricted pursuant to an order of the court under subsection (b) of
361 section 14-227j, [or] by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles [pursuant
362 to subsection (i) of section 14-227a or subsection (i) of section 14-111] or
363 by any provision of law that requires the use of an ignition interlock
364 device, shall (1) request or solicit another person to blow into an
365 ignition interlock device or to start a motor vehicle equipped with an
366 ignition interlock device for the purpose of providing such person with
367 an operable motor vehicle, or (2) operate any motor vehicle not
368 equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device or any motor

369 vehicle that a court has ordered such person not to operate.

370 (b) No person shall tamper with, alter or bypass the operation of an
371 ignition interlock device for the purpose of providing an operable
372 motor vehicle to a person whose right to operate a motor vehicle has
373 been restricted pursuant to an order of the court under subsection (b)
374 of section 14-227j, ~~or~~ by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
375 [pursuant to subsection (i) of section 14-227a or subsection (i) of section
376 14-111] or by any provision of law that requires the use of an ignition
377 interlock device.

378 (c) (1) Any person who violates any provision of subdivision (1) of
379 subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section shall be guilty of a class
380 C misdemeanor.

381 (2) Any person who violates any provision of subdivision (2) of
382 subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in
383 subsection (c) of section 14-215.

384 (d) Each court shall report each conviction under subsection (a) or
385 (b) of this section to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in
386 accordance with the provisions of section 14-141. The commissioner
387 shall suspend the motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident
388 operating privilege of the person reported as convicted for a period of
389 one year.

390 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 14-275c of the general statutes is
391 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
392 *1, 2017*):

393 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
394 the provisions of chapter 54, governing (1) the inspection, registration,
395 operation and maintenance of motor vehicles used by any carrier to
396 transport students, and (2) the licensing of operators of such vehicles.
397 A person who has attained the age of seventy shall be allowed to hold
398 a license endorsement [for the purpose of operating a motor vehicle to
399 transport children requiring special education] to operate a student

400 transportation vehicle provided such person meets the minimum
401 physical requirements set by the commissioner and agrees to submit to
402 a physical examination by a medical examiner, certified in accordance
403 with 49 CFR 390.109, at least annually or more frequently if directed to
404 do so by such medical examiner or the superintendent of the school
405 system in which such person intends to operate such vehicle.

406 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 54-56p of the general statutes is
407 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
408 *October 1, 2017*):

409 (b) This section shall not be applicable to any person (1) who, at the
410 time of the motor vehicle violation, holds a commercial driver's license
411 or commercial driver's instruction permit or is operating a commercial
412 motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, or (2) charged with a motor
413 vehicle violation causing serious injury or death, a motor vehicle
414 violation classified as a felony unless good cause is shown, or a
415 violation of section 14-227a, [or] 14-227g or 14-296aa.

416 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 14-280 of the general statutes is
417 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
418 *1, 2017*):

419 (a) (1) When a school bus is used for any purpose other than the
420 transportation of children to and from schools or school activities,
421 private or public camps or any other activities for which groups of
422 children are transported, the special signals normally used when so
423 engaged shall be left unused or disconnected.

424 (2) Any student transportation vehicle when engaged in the
425 transportation of children to and from private or public camps or the
426 transportation exclusively of children to activities, except school
427 activities, may display a sign or signs, as described in subsection (b) of
428 this section. Any motor vehicle, other than a registered school bus, not
429 owned by a public, private or religious school, or under contract to
430 such school, when engaged in the transportation of school children to
431 and from school or school activities, may display a sign or signs, as

432 described in subsection (b) of this section.

433 (3) Any student transportation vehicle, when engaged in the
434 transportation of school children to and from school or school
435 activities, shall display a sign or signs, as described in subsection (b) of
436 this section, except a student transportation vehicle, when engaged in
437 the transportation of students aged eighteen to twenty-one, inclusive,
438 who, as part of an individualized education program, are participating
439 in community-based transition services, may display a sign or signs, as
440 described in subsection (b) of this section.

441 (4) Any portable signs, as described in subsection (b) of this section,
442 that are permitted or required under this section may be removed or
443 covered when the vehicle is not being used for the purposes requiring
444 or allowing the use of such signs as specified in this section.

445 Sec. 17. Section 14-150 of the general statutes is repealed and the
446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2018*):

447 (a) Any person who abandons any motor vehicle within the limits of
448 any highway or upon property other than such person's own without
449 the consent of the owner thereof for a period longer than twenty-four
450 hours shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined not less
451 than eighty-five dollars. The last owner of record of a motor vehicle
452 found abandoned, as shown by the files of the Department of Motor
453 Vehicles, shall be deemed prima facie to have been the owner of such
454 motor vehicle at the time it was abandoned and the person who
455 abandoned the same or caused or procured its abandonment.

456 (b) Any inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles, any officer
457 attached to an organized police department, any enforcement officer of
458 a parking authority authorized under an ordinance adopted pursuant
459 to section 7-204a to enforce parking regulations in the municipality in
460 which it is located or any state police officer upon discovery of any
461 motor vehicle, whether situated within or without any highway of this
462 state, which is a menace to traffic or public health or safety, shall take
463 such motor vehicle into such inspector's or officer's custody and cause

464 the same to be taken to and stored in a suitable place.

465 (c) Any inspector of the Department of Motor Vehicles, any officer
466 attached to an organized police department, any enforcement officer of
467 a parking authority authorized under an ordinance adopted pursuant
468 to section 7-204a to enforce parking regulations in the municipality in
469 which it is located or any state police officer, upon discovery of any
470 motor vehicle apparently abandoned or a motor vehicle without
471 proper registration, whether situated within or without any highway
472 of this state, shall affix to such motor vehicle a notification sticker in a
473 manner so as to be readily visible. This notification sticker shall contain
474 the following information: (1) The date and time the notification sticker
475 was affixed to the motor vehicle; (2) a statement that pursuant to this
476 section, if the motor vehicle is not removed within twenty-four hours
477 of the time the sticker was affixed, it shall be taken into custody and
478 stored at the owner's expense; (3) the location and telephone number
479 where additional information may be obtained; and (4) the identity of
480 the affixing officer. If the motor vehicle is not removed within such
481 twenty-four-hour period, the affixing department or parking authority
482 shall take such motor vehicle into its custody and cause the same to be
483 stored in a suitable place, except that such department or parking
484 authority shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the owner of any
485 such motor vehicle which is determined to be stolen prior to taking
486 such vehicle into its custody and shall allow such owner to make
487 arrangements for removal of such vehicle.

488 (d) If the motor vehicle has no registration marker plates or invalid
489 registration marker plates, and if such inspector or officer makes a
490 determination in good faith that (1) the motor vehicle is apparently
491 abandoned, (2) the market value of such motor vehicle in its current
492 condition is five hundred dollars or less, and (3) the motor vehicle is so
493 vandalized, damaged, or in disrepair as to be unusable as a motor
494 vehicle, title to such motor vehicle shall, upon taking custody of such
495 motor vehicle, immediately vest in the municipality in which the
496 motor vehicle was discovered. Within forty-eight hours of the time
497 that such motor vehicle is taken into custody, the affixing department

498 or parking authority shall notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
499 in writing, of the vehicle identification number and a description of the
500 motor vehicle and thereafter shall immediately sell or transfer such
501 motor vehicle to a recycler licensed in accordance with section 14-67l.
502 Upon sale or other disposition of the motor vehicle, the affixing
503 department or parking authority shall give written notice by certified
504 mail, return receipt requested, to the person who was the owner of
505 such motor vehicle at the time of abandonment, if known, which notice
506 shall state that the motor vehicle has been sold or otherwise disposed
507 of. The proceeds of the sale or disposition, or the fair market value of
508 the motor vehicle in its current condition, whichever is greater, less the
509 towing and sale or disposal expenses and the amount of any fines due,
510 shall be paid to such person or such person's representatives, if
511 claimed by such person or [them] such person's representatives within
512 one year from the date of sale. If such balance is not claimed within
513 such period, it shall escheat to the municipality. If the expenses
514 incurred by the municipality for towing and the sale or disposition of
515 such motor vehicle and any such fines exceed the proceeds of such sale
516 or disposition, such person shall be liable to such municipality for such
517 excess amount.

518 (e) Within forty-eight hours of the time that a motor vehicle is taken
519 into custody and stored pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section,
520 the affixing department or parking authority shall give written notice
521 by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner and any
522 lienholders of such motor vehicle, if [the same] such motor vehicle
523 appears on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. [, which]
524 The notice shall state: (1) [that] That the motor vehicle has been taken
525 into custody and stored, (2) the location of storage of the motor
526 vehicle, (3) that, unless title has already vested in the municipality
527 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, such motor vehicle may be
528 sold after (A) fifteen days if the market value of such motor vehicle
529 does not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars, or [after] (B) forty-
530 five days if the value of such motor vehicle exceeds one thousand five
531 hundred dollars, and (4) that the owner has a right to contest the

532 validity of such taking by application, on a form prescribed by the
533 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, to the hearing officer named in such
534 notice within ten days from the date of such notice. Such application
535 forms shall be made readily available to the public at all offices of the
536 Department of Motor Vehicles, parking authorities authorized under
537 an ordinance adopted pursuant to section 7-204a to enforce parking
538 regulations and state and local police departments.

539 (f) (1) The chief executive officer of each town shall appoint a
540 suitable person, who shall not be a member of any state or local police
541 department, to be a hearing officer to hear applications to determine
542 whether or not the towing within such municipality of such motor
543 vehicle was authorized under the provisions of this section. Two or
544 more towns may join in appointing such hearing officer; provided any
545 such hearing shall be held at a location which is as near to the town
546 within which such motor vehicle was towed as is reasonable and
547 practicable. The commissioner shall establish by regulation the
548 qualifications necessary for hearing officers and procedures for the
549 holding of such hearings. If it is determined at such hearing that the
550 vehicle was not a menace to traffic, abandoned or unregistered, as the
551 case may be, the owner of such motor vehicle shall not be liable for any
552 expenses incurred as a result of the taking and storage of such motor
553 vehicle, the lien provisions of this section shall not apply to such
554 owner, and the department which took and stored such motor vehicle
555 shall be liable for such expenses. If the owner, prior to such
556 determination, pays such expenses and the storage charges of such
557 motor vehicle, and it is determined at such hearing that the motor
558 vehicle was not a menace to traffic, abandoned or unregistered, as the
559 case may be, the department or parking authority which took such
560 motor vehicle shall be liable to such owner for the amount paid by
561 such owner. Any person aggrieved by the decision of such hearing
562 officer may, within fifteen days of the notice of such decision, appeal to
563 the superior court for the judicial district wherein such hearing was
564 held.

565 (2) The chief executive officer of each municipality shall designate a

566 suitable person who shall be responsible for the collection of data
567 concerning abandoned motor vehicles within such municipality and
568 the preparation and submission of periodic reports to the
569 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles which shall contain such information
570 as the commissioner may require.

571 (g) The owner or keeper of any garage or other place where such
572 motor vehicle is stored shall have a lien upon [the same] such motor
573 vehicle for such owner's or keeper's towing or storage charges, or both,
574 that result from towing or storage under this section. [Unless title has
575 already vested in the municipality pursuant to]

576 (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, if the current
577 market value of such motor vehicle as determined in good faith by
578 such owner or keeper does not exceed one thousand five hundred
579 dollars and such motor vehicle has been stored for a period of not less
580 than fifteen days, such owner or keeper [may] shall, unless an
581 application filed by the owner pursuant to subsection (e) of this section
582 is pending and the owner of such motor vehicle has notified such
583 owner or keeper that such application for hearing has been filed, [sell
584 the same for storage and towing charges owed thereon, provided a
585 notice of intent to sell shall be sent to the commissioner, the owner and
586 any lienholder of record of such motor vehicle, if known, five days
587 before the sale of such vehicle.] immediately send a notice of intent to
588 sell that complies with subsection (h) of this section to the
589 commissioner, the owner of such motor vehicle and any known
590 lienholder of record of such motor vehicle. Upon approval by the
591 commissioner of the notice of intent to sell, the commissioner shall
592 issue such owner or keeper an affidavit of compliance. Such owner or
593 keeper shall sell such motor vehicle not less than five business days
594 after the mailing date of the notice of intent to sell, and apply the
595 proceeds of the sale toward such owner's or keeper's towing and
596 storage charges.

597 (2) If the current market value of such motor vehicle as determined
598 in good faith by such owner or keeper exceeds one thousand five

599 hundred dollars and if such motor vehicle has been [so] stored for a
600 period of not less than forty-five days, such owner or keeper shall,
601 unless an application filed by the owner pursuant to subsection (e) of
602 this section is pending and the owner of such motor vehicle has
603 notified such owner or keeper that such application for hearing has
604 been filed, [sell the same] immediately send a notice of intent to sell
605 that complies with subsection (h) of this section to the commissioner,
606 the owner of such motor vehicle and any known lienholder of record
607 of such motor vehicle. Upon approval by the commissioner of the
608 notice of intent to sell, the commissioner shall issue such owner or
609 keeper an affidavit of compliance. Such owner or keeper shall sell such
610 motor vehicle at public auction for cash, at such owner's or keeper's
611 place of business [, and apply the avails] not less than five business
612 days after the mailing date of the notice of intent to sell. Such owner or
613 keeper shall apply the proceeds of such sale toward the payment of
614 such owner's or keeper's towing and storage charges and the payment
615 of any debt or obligation incurred by the officer who placed [the same]
616 such motor vehicle in storage. [, provided if the last place of abode of
617 the owner of such motor vehicle is known to or may be ascertained by
618 such garage owner or keeper by the exercise of reasonable diligence,
619 notice of the time and place of sale shall be given to such owner and
620 any lienholder of record by mailing such notice to such owner by
621 certified mail, return receipt requested, at such last usual place of
622 abode, at least five days before the time of sale.] At any public auction
623 held pursuant to this subsection, such [garage] owner or keeper may
624 set a minimum bid equal to the amount of such owner's or keeper's
625 charges and obligations with respect to the tow and storage of the
626 motor vehicle. If no such bid is made, such owner or keeper may sell
627 or dispose of such vehicle.

628 (h) The notice of intent to sell described in subsection (g) of this
629 section shall include the make, model and vehicle identification
630 number of such motor vehicle, the date such motor vehicle was left
631 with the owner or keeper of the garage for storage and by whom and
632 the registration number thereof if any number plates are on such

633 motor vehicle, and shall be placed on file by the commissioner and
634 subject to public inspection. The notice of intent to sell shall be
635 accompanied by a statement to the owner and known lienholder of
636 such motor vehicle indicating the date, time and place of the sale of
637 such motor vehicle, and the manner of the sale, as specified in
638 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (g) of this section. Such owner or
639 keeper shall give such notice and accompanying statement to such
640 motor vehicle owner and lienholder by certified mail, return receipt
641 requested. Such statement shall indicate that any proceeds in excess of
642 such owner's or keeper's charges and obligations may be claimed by
643 the owner of such motor vehicle within one year from the date of such
644 sale. The fee for filing such notice of intent and accompanying
645 statement and for any duplicate affidavit of compliance issued by the
646 commissioner shall be ten dollars. Any sale under the provisions of
647 this section shall be void, unless such owner or keeper provides the
648 notice required by this section.

649 (i) At the time of a sale conducted under subsection (g) of this
650 section, such owner or keeper shall provide the purchaser of such
651 motor vehicle with the affidavit of compliance issued by the
652 commissioner. Except for a thirty-day period immediately following
653 the date such motor vehicle was placed in storage under subdivision
654 (1) of subsection (g) of this section, or a sixty-day period immediately
655 following the date such motor vehicle was placed in storage under
656 subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of this section, the commissioner may
657 limit the number of days that such owner or keeper may charge for
658 storage of the motor vehicle prior to the time such motor vehicle was
659 sold unless such owner or keeper provides evidence to the
660 commissioner that the storage charges accrued as a result of such
661 owner or keeper's reliance upon statements or representations made
662 by the owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle or as a result of such
663 owner's or keeper's good faith effort to negotiate the return of such
664 motor vehicle to such owner or lienholder.

665 [(h) The garage] (j) The owner or keeper of such garage shall report
666 the sales price, storing, towing and repair charges, if any; buyer's name

667 and address; identification of the vehicle and such other information as
668 may be required in regulations [which shall be adopted by the
669 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54]
670 adopted pursuant to this section, to the commissioner within fifteen
671 days after the sale of the motor vehicle. The proceeds of such sale, after
672 deducting the amount due such [garage] owner or keeper and all
673 expenses connected with such sale, including the expenses of the
674 officer who placed such motor vehicle in storage, shall be paid to the
675 owner of such motor vehicle or such owner's legal representatives, if
676 claimed by such owner or [them] such owner's legal representatives at
677 any time within one year from the date of such sale. If such balance is
678 not claimed within said period, it shall escheat to the state.

679 [(i) If the owner of such motor vehicle placed in storage in
680 accordance with the provisions of this section does not claim such
681 motor vehicle within thirty days, the owner of such garage or other
682 place of storage shall, within forty days of the date such motor vehicle
683 was placed in storage with such owner, send a written notice to the
684 commissioner, stating the make and vehicle identification number of
685 such motor vehicle, the date such motor vehicle was left with such
686 owner for storage and by whom and the registration number thereof if
687 any number plates are on such motor vehicle, which notice shall be
688 placed on file by the commissioner and shall be subject to public
689 inspection. The fee for filing such notice shall be five dollars. Any sale
690 under the provisions of this section shall be void, unless the notice
691 required by this section has been given to the commissioner.]

692 [(j)] (k) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt
693 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, [(1)
694 specifying] to carry out the purposes of this section. The regulations
695 shall (1) specify the circumstances under which title to any motor
696 vehicle abandoned within the limits of any highway may be
697 transferred to any person, firm or corporation towing such vehicle,
698 [and (2) establishing] (2) establish the procedure whereby such person,
699 firm or corporation may obtain title to such motor vehicle, [. The
700 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the

701 provisions of chapter 54, specifying] and (3) specify the circumstances
702 under which the owner of a campground may dispose of a motor
703 home or recreational vehicle abandoned on such owner's property and
704 establishing procedures governing such disposal.

705 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 14-145 of the general statutes is
706 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
707 *January 1, 2018*):

708 (b) (1) (A) When an unauthorized motor vehicle is towed or
709 otherwise removed by a wrecker licensed under section 14-66, or a
710 repossessed motor vehicle is towed or otherwise removed by a
711 wrecker or an exempt entity, the licensee or operator of the wrecker or
712 the exempt entity shall notify the local police department of the tow or
713 removal within two hours. Such notification shall be submitted, in
714 writing, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail and the record of
715 such notification shall be retained by such licensee, operator or exempt
716 entity in accordance with the provisions of section 14-66b.

717 (B) No such licensee, operator or exempt entity may charge a
718 storage fee for an unauthorized or repossessed motor vehicle for the
719 time it is stored prior to notification of the local police department by
720 the licensee, operator or exempt entity. If such motor vehicle is not
721 claimed within forty-eight hours, the licensee or operator of the
722 wrecker or of the garage where such motor vehicle is stored or the
723 exempt entity shall immediately complete a notice of such tow, on a
724 form prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and mail a
725 copy of such form by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the
726 owner and all lienholders of record. If the motor vehicle is not claimed
727 by its owner within the time [periods] period specified in subsection
728 (e) of section 14-150, as amended by this act, the licensee or operator of
729 the wrecker or of the garage where such motor vehicle is stored or the
730 exempt entity may dispose of [it] such motor vehicle in accordance
731 with the provisions of subsection (e) and subsections (g) to [(i)] (j),
732 inclusive, of section 14-150, as amended by this act.

733 (2) (A) When an unauthorized motor vehicle is rendered immovable
734 through use of a wheel-locking device by an owner or lessee of private
735 property or his or her agent, such owner, lessee or agent shall notify
736 the local police department of such action within two hours. Such
737 notification shall be submitted in writing or transmitted by facsimile or
738 electronic mail. The record of such notification shall be retained by
739 such owner, lessee or agent at the private property upon which such
740 action took place, for a period of not less than six months and shall be
741 available for inspection during regular business hours by any sworn
742 member of the local police department or law enforcement officer or
743 inspector designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

744 (B) No owner, lessee or agent may charge a fee to remove a wheel-
745 locking device prior to notification of the local police department. The
746 fee charged to remove a wheel-locking device may not be more than
747 fifty dollars. The person claiming the motor vehicle may choose to pay
748 such fee in cash, by check or by debit or credit card. Ten per cent of
749 such fee shall be remitted to the local police department by the owner,
750 lessee or agent. If such motor vehicle is not claimed within forty-eight
751 hours after being rendered immovable, the owner, lessee or agent shall
752 immediately complete a notice that such motor vehicle has been
753 rendered immovable, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, and
754 mail a copy of such form by certified mail, return receipt requested, to
755 the owner of such motor vehicle and all lienholders of record. If the
756 motor vehicle is not claimed by its owner within the time [periods]
757 period specified in subsection (e) of section 14-150, as amended by this
758 act, the owner, lessee or agent may dispose of such motor vehicle in
759 accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) and subsections (g) to
760 [(i)] (j), inclusive, of section 14-150, as amended by this act.

761 (3) The local police department, not later than forty-eight hours after
762 receiving notification of a tow or removal of an unauthorized motor
763 vehicle pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, or use of a
764 wheel-locking device pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection,
765 shall enter the vehicle identification number into the National Crime
766 Information Center database and the Connecticut On-Line Law

767 Enforcement Communications Teleprocessing System to determine
768 whether such motor vehicle has been reported as stolen. If such motor
769 vehicle has been reported as stolen, the local police department shall
770 immediately notify the department that reported the vehicle as stolen.

771 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 42-160 of the general statutes is
772 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
773 *January 1, 2018*):

774 (b) If such personal property is a motor vehicle, the owner of a self-
775 service storage facility shall contact the Department of Motor Vehicles
776 in such manner as the commissioner shall prescribe for the purposes of
777 determining the existence and identity of any lienholder and the name
778 and address of the owner of the motor vehicle, as shown in the records
779 of the department. The owner of a self-storage facility shall send a
780 written notice to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles stating (1) the
781 vehicle identification number of such motor vehicle, (2) the date such
782 motor vehicle was left with the owner of such storage facility, (3) the
783 date of default by the occupant, (4) the amount for which a lien is
784 claimed, (5) the registration thereof if any number plates are on the
785 motor vehicle, and (6) the name of the vehicle's owner and the name of
786 the occupant who defaulted, and shall enclose a fee of [five] ten
787 dollars. Such notice shall be placed on file by the Commissioner of
788 Motor Vehicles and be open to public inspection. Within ten days of
789 receipt of such information concerning any lienholder and the owner
790 of such motor vehicle, as shown in said department's records, the
791 owner of such self-service storage facility shall send a written notice to
792 any such lienholder and to the owner, if such owner is not the
793 occupant, by postage paid registered or certified letter, return receipt
794 requested, stating that such motor vehicle (A) is being held by such
795 facility owner, and (B) has a lien attached pursuant to this chapter.
796 Any sale of a motor vehicle under the provisions of this section shall
797 be void unless the written notice to the commissioner required by this
798 subsection has been given.

799 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after January 1,

2018, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue Hartford Whalers commemorative number plates of a design to commemorate the Hartford Whalers and to provide funding to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. The design shall be determined by the commissioner. No use shall be made of such plates except as official registration marker plates.

(b) A fee of sixty dollars shall be charged for Hartford Whalers commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing such number plates and forty-five dollars of such fee shall be deposited in the Hartford Whalers commemorative account established under subsection (d) of this section. No additional fee shall be charged in connection with the renewal of such number plates. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an existing registration to or from a registration with Hartford Whalers commemorative number plates. Such number plates shall have letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may establish a higher fee for number plates: (1) That contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued number plate; (2) that contain letters in place of numbers, as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section; and (3) that are low number plates issued in accordance with section 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section. All fees established and collected pursuant to this section, except moneys designated for administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in the Hartford Whalers commemorative account.

(c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement of Hartford Whalers commemorative number plates.

834 (d) There is established an account to be known as the "Hartford
835 Whalers commemorative account" which shall be a separate,
836 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall
837 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account.
838 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Secretary of the Office
839 of Policy and Management to provide funding to the Connecticut
840 Children's Medical Center. The secretary may receive private
841 donations to the account and any such receipts shall be deposited in
842 the account.

843 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may provide for the
844 reproduction and marking of the Hartford Whalers commemorative
845 number plates image for use on clothing, recreational equipment,
846 posters, mementoes or other products or programs deemed by the
847 commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the Hartford
848 Whalers commemorative account. Any moneys received by the
849 commissioner from such marketing shall be deposited in the account.

850 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is
851 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
852 *October 1, 2017*):

853 (a) No motor vehicle shall be operated, ~~[or]~~ towed or parked on any
854 highway, except as otherwise expressly provided, unless it is
855 registered with the commissioner, provided any motor vehicle may be
856 towed for repairs or necessary work if it bears the markers of a
857 licensed and registered dealer, manufacturer or repairer and provided
858 any motor vehicle which is validly registered in another state may, for
859 a period of sixty days following establishment by the owner of
860 residence in this state, be operated on any highway without first being
861 registered with the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided in this
862 subsection, (1) a person commits an infraction if such person (A)
863 registers a motor vehicle he or she does not own, ~~or~~ [if such person] (B)
864 operates, ~~[or]~~ allows the operation of, parks or allows the parking of an
865 unregistered motor vehicle on [a public] any highway, or (2) a resident
866 of this state who operates or parks a motor vehicle [he or she] such

867 resident owns with marker plates issued by another state on any
868 highway shall be fined one thousand dollars. If the owner of a motor
869 vehicle previously registered on an annual or biennial basis, the
870 registration of which expired not more than thirty days previously,
871 operates, [or] allows the operation of, parks or allows that parking of
872 such a motor vehicle, such owner shall be fined the amount designated
873 for the infraction of failure to renew a registration, but the right to
874 retain his or her operator's license shall not be affected. No operator
875 other than the owner shall be subject to penalty for the operation or
876 parking of such a previously registered motor vehicle. As used in this
877 subsection, the term "unregistered motor vehicle" includes any vehicle
878 that is not eligible for registration by the commissioner due to the
879 absence of necessary equipment or other characteristics of the vehicle
880 that make it unsuitable for highway operation, unless the operation of
881 such vehicle is expressly permitted by another provision of this
882 chapter or chapter 248.

883 Sec. 22. Subsection (b) of section 14-253a of the general statutes is
884 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
885 *passage*):

886 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept applications
887 and renewal applications for removable windshield placards from (1)
888 any person who is blind, as defined in section 1-1f; (2) any person with
889 disabilities; (3) any parent or guardian of any person who is blind or
890 any person with disabilities, if such person is under eighteen years of
891 age at the time of application; (4) any parent or guardian of any person
892 who is blind or any person with disabilities, if such person is unable to
893 request or complete an application; and (5) any organization which
894 meets criteria established by the commissioner and which certifies to
895 the commissioner's satisfaction that the vehicle for which a placard is
896 requested is primarily used to transport persons who are blind or
897 persons with disabilities. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this
898 section, on and after October 1, 2011, the commissioner shall not accept
899 applications for special license plates, but shall accept renewal
900 applications for such plates that were issued prior to October 1, 2011.

901 No person shall be issued a placard in accordance with this section
902 unless such person is the holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's
903 license, or identification card issued in accordance with the provisions
904 of section 1-1h. The commissioner is authorized to adopt regulations
905 for the issuance of placards to persons who, by reason of hardship, do
906 not hold or cannot obtain an operator's license or identification card.
907 The commissioner shall maintain a record of each placard issued to
908 any such person. Such applications and renewal applications shall be
909 on a form prescribed by the commissioner. [In the case of persons with
910 disabilities, the] The application and renewal application shall include:
911 (A) Certification [by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, or an
912 advanced practice registered nurse licensed in accordance with the
913 provisions of chapter 378, that the applicant is disabled; (B)
914 certification] by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, an
915 advanced practice registered nurse licensed in accordance with the
916 provisions of chapter 378, or a member of the driver training unit for
917 persons with disabilities established pursuant to section 14-11b, that
918 the applicant meets the definition of a person with a disability which
919 limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Section
920 1235.2; or (B) certification by a psychiatrist who is employed by, or
921 under contract with, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
922 that the applicant (i) is a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section
923 27-103, who has post-traumatic stress disorder certified as service-
924 connected by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and
925 (ii) meets the definition of a person with a disability which limits or
926 impairs the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Section 1235.2. In the
927 case of persons who are blind, the application or renewal application
928 shall include certification of legal blindness made by the Department
929 of Rehabilitation Services, an ophthalmologist or an optometrist. Any
930 person who makes a certification required by this subsection shall sign
931 the application or renewal application under penalty of false statement
932 pursuant to section 53a-157b. The commissioner, in said
933 commissioner's discretion, may accept the discharge papers of a
934 disabled veteran, as defined in section 14-254, in lieu of such
935 certification. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require

936 additional certification at the time of the original application or at any
937 time thereafter. If a person who has been requested to submit
938 additional certification fails to do so within thirty days of the request,
939 or if such additional certification is deemed by the Commissioner of
940 Motor Vehicles to be unfavorable to the applicant, the commissioner
941 may refuse to issue or, if already issued, suspend or revoke such
942 special license plate or placard. The commissioner shall not issue more
943 than one placard per applicant. The fee for the issuance of a temporary
944 removable windshield placard shall be five dollars. Any person whose
945 application has been denied or whose special license plate or placard
946 has been suspended or revoked shall be afforded an opportunity for a
947 hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

948 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is
949 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
950 *October 1, 2017*):

951 (c) The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of
952 the commissioner's duties, appoint licensed dealers meeting
953 qualifications established by the commissioner pursuant to regulations
954 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to issue new
955 registrations for passenger motor vehicles, motorcycles, campers, camp
956 trailers, commercial trailers, service buses, school buses, trucks or other
957 vehicle types as determined by the commissioner when they are sold
958 by a licensed dealer. The commissioner shall charge such dealer a fee
959 of ten dollars for each new dealer issue form furnished for the
960 purposes of this subsection. A person purchasing a motor vehicle or
961 other vehicle [types] type as determined by the commissioner from a
962 dealer so appointed and registering such vehicle pursuant to this
963 section shall file an application with the dealer and pay, to the dealer, a
964 fee in accordance with the provisions of section 14-49. The
965 commissioner shall prescribe the time and manner in which the
966 application and fee shall be transmitted to the commissioner.

967 Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is
968 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

969 October 1, 2017):

970 (c) Before granting a motorcycle endorsement or motorcycle
971 endorsement with a three-wheeled restriction to any applicant who
972 has not held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding
973 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to present
974 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has
975 successfully completed a novice motorcycle or three-wheeled
976 motorcycle training course conducted by the Department of
977 Transportation with federal funds available for the purpose of such
978 course, or by any firm or organization that conducts such a course that
979 uses the curriculum of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation or other
980 safety or educational organization that has developed a curriculum
981 approved by the commissioner. If such applicant has not obtained a
982 motorcycle instruction permit pursuant to subsection (b) of this
983 section, the applicant shall also pass an examination, other than the
984 driving skills test, demonstrating that the applicant is a proper person
985 to operate a motorcycle, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of
986 a motorcycle to ensure its safe operation by such applicant, and has
987 satisfactory knowledge of the law concerning motorcycles and other
988 motor vehicles and the rules of the road. The commissioner may waive
989 the requirement of such examination for any applicant who presents
990 documentation that such applicant: (1) Is on active military duty with
991 the armed forces of the United States; (2) is stationed outside the state;
992 and (3) completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted by
993 any firm or organization using the curriculum of the Motorcycle Safety
994 Foundation not earlier than two years prior to the date of such
995 applicant's application. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the
996 ability and competency of the applicant, the commissioner may issue
997 an endorsement to such applicant, either unlimited or containing such
998 limitations as the commissioner deems advisable. An applicant who
999 has completed a three-wheeled motorcycle training course shall be
1000 limited to an endorsement with a restriction, as provided in subsection
1001 (c) of section 14-36a, indicating that such applicant is limited to the
1002 operation of a three-wheeled motorcycle. If an applicant or motorcycle

1003 endorsement holder has any health problem which might affect such
1004 person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the commissioner may
1005 require the applicant or endorsement holder to demonstrate personally
1006 that, notwithstanding the problem, such person is a proper person to
1007 operate a motorcycle, and the commissioner may further require a
1008 certificate of the applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority
1009 designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be
1010 treated as confidential by the commissioner. An endorsement []
1011 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may
1012 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be
1013 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing an endorsement,
1014 either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending an
1015 endorsement of a person whom the commissioner deems incapable of
1016 safely operating a motorcycle.

1017 Sec. 25. Section 14-262a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1018 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1019 A wrecker, as defined in section 14-1 and operated in accordance
1020 with section 14-66 with a divisible or nondivisible load as referenced in
1021 23 CFR 658.5, may tow or haul a vehicle or combination of vehicles,
1022 without regard to the limitations of length or distance contained in
1023 section 14-262. A wrecker that has been issued an annual wrecker
1024 towing or transporting permit pursuant to section 14-270 may tow or
1025 haul a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles in excess of the axle,
1026 gross combination vehicle weight limits or federal bridge formula
1027 requirements for vehicles with divisible or nondivisible loads as
1028 referenced in 23 CFR 658.17, as prescribed by section 14-267a, (1) from
1029 any highway, (2) if such vehicle was involved in an accident, (3) if such
1030 vehicle became disabled and remains where such vehicle became
1031 disabled, or (4) if such vehicle is being towed or hauled by order of a
1032 traffic or law enforcement authority. Any towing operations in excess
1033 of one hundred sixty thousand pounds and in excess of an axle, gross
1034 combination vehicle weight or federal bridge formula requirements for
1035 vehicles with divisible or nondivisible loads as referenced in 23 CFR
1036 658.17, as [defined in] prescribed by section 14-267a, shall require a

1037 single-trip permit in addition to the annual permit as defined in section
1038 14-270. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

1039 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 14-286c of the general statutes is
1040 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1041 *October 1, 2017*):

1042 (a) Each person riding a bicycle upon the traveled portion of a
1043 highway and intending to make a left turn after proceeding pursuant
1044 to the provisions of section 14-244 or subsection (b) of this section [.]
1045 may, in lieu of the procedure prescribed by section 14-241, approach as
1046 close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway,
1047 proceed across the intersecting roadway and make such turn as close
1048 as practicable to the curb or edge of the highway on the far side of the
1049 intersection, provided such procedure is not prohibited by any
1050 regulation issued by any town, city, borough or the Office of the State
1051 Traffic Administration."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-29
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-36(c)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	14-36a(h)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	14-36e
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-41(b)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-41b
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-44c(a)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-44k(f)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-52(b)(5)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-58(c)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-164c(a)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-171(a)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-227k
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-275c(b)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	54-56p(b)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-280(a)
Sec. 17	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	14-150
Sec. 18	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	14-145(b)

Sec. 19	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	42-160(b)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-12(a)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	14-253a(b)
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-12(c)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-40a(c)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-262a
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-286c(a)